

through several different Administrations.

His work has made a real difference in the lives of millions of Americans. His legislative and administrative skills have played critical roles in the enactment and implementation of many important bills including the Workforce Investment Act, a 5-year effort which fundamentally reformed the Nation's job training system; the Welfare to Work program, which has helped transition welfare recipients to gainful employment; and the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which assists low income seniors earn a paycheck while providing important community services. The passage and administration of each of these acts was due in large part to Ray's personal skills and dedicated efforts to assist in the development of consensus bills that would reflect the Administration's priorities and help Americans in need.

I am also grateful for his help and advice over the years on a range of immigration issues facing the Department of Labor. Ray embraced our immigrant heritage, but also understood the importance of strengthening our immigration laws to ensure they would not be misused by those who sought to bring in immigrants to abuse them with substandard wages and working conditions, and to displace U.S. workers.

These efforts represent only a small fraction of the most recent accomplishments that mark Ray's career at the Department of Labor. His fellow workers in the Department of Labor and throughout the administration will sorely miss his wisdom and guidance, as will State and local workforce development leaders in every corner of the Nation. While I am sad to see Ray leave the civil service, I am happy to know that he is going to become Co-Director of the Workforce Program at the National Center on Education and the Economy, where I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years to come on issues involving workforce development—a crucial social policy area in helping all Americans to become full participants in the economic, social and political life of this great country.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD PEMBROKE

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Richard "Dick" Pembroke, Chairman of the Vermont House Transportation Committee, on his 16 years of service to Vermonters in the Legislature.

Dick has decided to retire from politics after a career largely devoted to solving Vermont's transportation problems. And to be sure, he understands the importance of a farsighted and diverse plan to meet Vermonter's transportation needs.

But Dick will be remembered for more than just good transportation policies for routes around Vermont. He was a politician in the finest sense. Bi-

partisan majorities consistently elected him, giving him the largest numbers of votes in his two-seat district. He rightly considered consensus, negotiation, and compromise as the key ingredients of good politics.

His attitude of cooperation in Montpelier spoke to voters so much, that he never had to spend more than a few dollars on his campaigns. He was repeatedly re-elected because of his exceptional spirit to get important things done. He used the legislative process for the benefit of all and the detriment of none.

His daily work in the Legislature was honest, and he served his district and Vermont to the best of his abilities. As a Vermonter, I would like to thank Dick for his years of service in the State House.

I am sure that his retirement from politics will never keep Dick from calling me to discuss the issues that he thinks I should care about. And if an issue is important to Dick, it should be important to all Vermonters.

My congratulations to Dick, and good luck.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4623. An act to prevent trafficking in child pornography and obscenity, to proscribe pandering and solicitation relating to visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, to prevent the use of child pornography and obscenity to facilitate crimes against children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4679. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders.

H.R. 4846. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the sources of silver for bullion coins, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4858. An act to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4623. An act to prevent trafficking in child pornography and obscenity, to proscribe pandering and solicitation relating to visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, to prevent the use of child pornography and obscenity to facilitate crimes against children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4679. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4846. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the sources of silver for bullion coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4858. An act to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 3971. An act to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or turnover.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3937. An act to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1227: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-179).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1325: A bill to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-180).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 601: To redesignate certain lands within the Craters of the Moon National Monument, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-181).

H.R. 2440: A bill to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts", and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-182).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE):